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1. I AM EXTREMELY PLEASED THAT THE SECRETARY IS VISITING MANAGUA. HIS VISIT HAS BEEN DISCUSSED IN STRICTEST CONFIDENCE WITH GON AND THEY HAVE EXPRESSED THEIR GREAT PLEASURE AND KEENLY ANTICIPATE THE SECRETARY'S ARRIVAL.

2. FOR PLANNING PURPOSES SUGGEST FOLLOWING TENTATIVE SCHEDULE:

12:00 ARRIVAL AT LAS MERCEDES AIRPORT. THE SECRETARY AND HIS PARTY WOULD BE MET BY THE NICARAGUAN FOREIGN MINISTER, GENERAL SOMOZA, BY MY WIFE AND ME, AND BY THE NINE US OFFICERS ON THE DIPLOMATIC LIST AND THEIR WIVES.

12:05 APPROPRIATE HONORS AND REVIEW OF HONOR GUARD.

12:10 SECRETARY GOES TO VIP ROOM FOR ARRIVAL STATEMENT.

12:20 SECRETARY ACCOMPANIED BY FONMIN AND AMBASSADOR DEPART LAS MERCEDES AIRPORT. EN ROUTE TO OFFICES OF NATIONAL GOVERNING COUNCIL A BRIEF TWO MINUTE STOP COULD BE MADE AT SITE OF DESTROYED US CHANCERY, IF DESIRED.

12:15 UNDER SECRETARY CASEY (ACCOMPANIED BY DCM) AND
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ASSISTANT SECRETARY- DESIGNATE KUBITSCH (ACCOMPANIED BY CHIEF MR POLITICAL SECTION, AND MR BRAY (ACCOMPANIED BY PAO STEWART), DEPART FOR BRIEF TOUR OF DEVASTATED AREAS OF CITY EN ROUTE TO MY RESIDENCE.

12:15 MRS ROGERS (ACCOMPANIED BY MY WIFE), MRS CASEY (ACCOMPANIED BY MRS WARNER), AND MRS KUBITSCH (ACCOMPANIED BY MRS CHEEK) DEPART LAS MERCEDES FOR MY RESIDENCE. THEY WOULD MAKE BRIEF TOUR OF DEVASTATED AREA EN ROUTE.

12:30 SECRETARY MAKES PROTOCOL VISIT TO THE NATIONAL GOVERNING COUNCIL.

12:50 SECRETARY DEPARTS FOR MY RESIDENCE.

1:00 LUNCHEON AT RESIDENCE. GUESTS WOULD INCLUDE ALL MEMBERS OF NATIONAL GOVERNING COUNCIL, GENERAL SOMOZA, FOREIGN MINISTER, CROSS- SECTION OF NICARAGUAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, EMBASSY DCM AND CHIEFS OF PRINCIPAL US MISSION COMPONENTS, AND ONE OR TWO REPRESENTATIVES OF NICARAGUAN PRIVATE ENTERPRISE. TOTAL SEATING CAPACITY OF DINING ROOM TABLE IS 28. A SEPARATE LUNCHEON COULD BE OFFERED BY MY WIFE FOR RS ROGERS AND OTHE OTHER LADIES. OR IF IT IS PREFERRED THAT MY LUNCHEON INCLUDE LADIES, BY USING SERIES OF ROUND TABLES SEATING CAN BE ARRANGED FOR 48.

2:45 PRIVATE MEETING AT MY RESIDENCE WITH GENERAL SOMOZA AND FOREIGN MINISTER. MR KUBISCH WOULD ALSO JOIN THIS CONVERSATION.

3:10 DEPART RESIDENCE FOR NEW CHANCERY NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

3:15 SECRETARY INAUGURATES NEW CHANCERY IN PRESENCE OF ALL US GOVERNMENT PERSONNEL IN NICARAGUA.

3:45 LAY FIRST STONE AT AID- FUNDED HOSPITAL WHICH IS TO BE BUILT.

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4:00 GENERAL SOMOZA ESCORTS THE SECRETARY ON TOUR OF DEVASTATED AREA OF MANAGUA (I WOULD ACCOMPANY).

4:45 ARRIVE LAS MERCEDES AIRPORT. DEPARTURE STATEMENT IN VIP ROOM.

4:55 APPROPRIATE DEPARTURE HONORS.

5:00 SECRETARY DEPARTS.

SEPARATE AFTERNOON SCHEDULE FOR MR CASEY

3:00 MEET WITH MINISTER OF ECONOMY, PRESIDENT OF CENTRAL
BANK AND RECTOR OF INCAE (DIRECTING ECONOMIC STUDIES
FOR GOVERNMENT).

4:20 DEPART FOR AIRPORT.

5:00 DEPARTURE.

AN AFTERNOON SCHEDULE FOR MRS ROGERS WILL BE
SUGGESTED BY SEPTTEL.

3. IT WILL BE NOTED THAT PROVISION HAS BEEN MADE FOR THE SECRETARY
TO MAKE ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE STATEMENTS IF DESIRED IN AIRPORT' S
VIP ROOM, AND THAT PRINCIPAL OPPORTUNITY FOR SECRETARY TO MEET
PERSONALLY WITH NICARAGUAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND LEADERS
OF PRIVATE SECTOR WOULD BE AT LUNCHEON SINCE TIME DOES NOT PERMIT
SCHEDULING OF OTHER TYPE OF MEETINGS.

4. WOULD APPRECIATE COMMENTS ON THIS PROPOSED SCHEDULE SOONEST.
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